Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes, copies of Circular No. D.-Dis-13080/12, dated 9th March 1937 and Government Proceedings No. F.-2-17253/12, dated 21st June 1937 are placed on the table.

Purchase of Stores—Central Agency for.

74. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether with reference to Question No. 355 of the Legislative Session of 1112 they are aware that there is a Central Agency for the purchase of stores for the Government of India as also for Mysore;

(b) whether they are aware that the system of having a Central Agency has not been producing better results than before?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—(a) There is one for the Government of India. Regarding Mysore there is no information.

(b) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know what approximately is the amount spent by the Cochin Government for the purpose of stores for their use?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Rs. 3,36,000 and odd.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know the method adopted by the Government for effecting this purchase?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—So far as the Stationery articles are concerned there is the Stationery Department, i. e., the Stamp Office which supplies all articles of stationery to the various departments and so far as the other requirements of the departments are concerned they themselves are making independent purchase.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—What is the agency that now supplies stores to the various departments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The Departmental Heads themselves purchase the articles they

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require except the stationery articles which are supplied by the Stamp Office.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—With regard to sub-section (b), may I know whether they are aware that a system of having a central agency has been producing better results than before and whether they have been pleased to make any enquiries on that issue subsequent to the receipt of this question?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether they would be pleased to make an enquiry in that behalf?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government will consider that question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Am I to take it that the Government will be pleased to consider the question of the desirability of making an enquiry and can we take it that the Government will make the enquiry?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government will consider the question whether a central agency could be established or not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Sir, to my question whether they have made any enquiries they have been pleased to answer 'No'. May I know whether they will be pleased to make an enquiry?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Did not, Sir, the Government answer 'yes' to which they say 'no' in the last session?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I am not aware.

Members of the Local Advisory Committee of the Land Mortgage Bank for 1113—particulars regarding.

75. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to

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